The following is a summary of the procedure for becoming an IBSA certified Goalball Referee. If you have any questions or comments about the procedures please contact me at:

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1. The first action will be to select a date and location for the clinic.

2. Notify the IBSA Goalball Referees Coordinator (ideally 90 days in advance) of the national association, location and date, number of participants at each level and fee payment details.

 3. The Referees Coordinator will then put out a call to all qualified referees eligible to conduct the clinic, to locate an instructor**,** or if the organizers have a qualified instructor in place, the Referees Coordinator can just confirm with that individual.

4. The clinic must be held in conjunction with a tournament/practice games in order for practical evaluations to occur.

5. After the Referees Coordinator has received the information and payment fees, the Referee Coordinator will facilitate the sending of all required course materials, including exams, to the instructor.

6. The clinic registration fees for the 2010-2013 period will be in Euro:

Level I - €.20,00

Level II - €.40,00

Level III - €.80,00

7. Clinics will generally consist of a 2-3 day theoretical component in which the rules are discussed one by one**,** and then a practical component, in which each candidate is evaluated while whistling two games. The average of the two practical marks in conjunction with the mark from the theoretical exam will determine a passing or failing mark. Note: The theory part of the clinic may be shorter if candidates have previous Goalball experience or longer**,** if allowance need**s** to be made for interpreters or extraneous factors.

8. The marking requirements can be found in the IBSA Goalball Rulebook – Part C Referee’s Program and are different for Level I, II and III.

9. The Level I theoretical exam is an open book. Level II and Level III are timed closed book exams. All exams must be taken in English. Whistling in all practical evaluations must be done in English **-** Game related calls must be made in English as the official language of the sport.

In the event a candidate is recertifying at the same level (for example, every four years when rule changes are implemented), he or she may choose to by-pass the clinic and simply pay to challenge the written and practical exam to become recertified.

All recertifying Level III’s and anyone attempting a new level MUST participate in a full referee’s clinic.

10. When the Referees Coordinator has received all documentation and fees for the clinic, the

Referees Coordinator will add all referees that received a passing mark to the IBSA master referee

database, and send all new referees a letter and maintenance passport.

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